

## QUIZZES BROKER ON ROCK ISLAND

Harding Denies "Buccaneering Methods" Brought the Road to Receivership.

Washington, D. C., June 5.—The Rock Island railroad receivership and changes in the directorate which accompanied it were the subject of further testimony today at the interstate commerce commission's investigation of the road's financial affairs. Samuel Undermyer, representing N. L. Amster of Boston, a director, who headed a commission which sought to elect an opposition ticket of directors, questioned J. Horace Harding, a New York broker,

who organized the winning ticket. Undermyer wanted to show Harding was acting for W. H. Moore and Daniel G. Field. Harding insisted he had acted in behalf of the public, and that the fact that Moore and Field were large clients of his was a mere coincidence.

**Dividends Cause of Receivership.** Commissioner Clements asked Harding if the receivership could have been avoided if the Rock Island had not been compelled since 1902 to pay \$15,000,000 as dividends on the stocks and bonds of the holding company. Harding's opinion was that was a minor matter, and he mentioned other roads in receivership, none of which was a holding company.

**High Cost of Railroad.**—The increased cost of material and labor, and higher taxes imposed upon the railroads in the last three or four years has made the good railroads cut mighty close and has put the third grade roads very close to insolvency, said Harding.

"So you would have the commission believe the Rock Island's situation is not due to the buccaneering methods of its management by which its common stock, for instance, was put into the hands of a holding company, bonds were issued and stocks and bonds were pyramided thereupon for the company to pay dividends upon, but is due to the law of the land," inquired Mr. Undermyer.

**Denies Buccaneering Methods.** Mr. Harding denied there had been any buccaneering methods, at least, any of which he had knowledge.

Mr. Amster told of his fight to elect directors.

### ONE THOUSAND TEXAS CLUBS TO BE REPRESENTED AT MEETING

Austin, Tex., June 5.—The annual convention of the Association of Texas clubs, which includes practically all of the bona fide clubs in the state, will be held at Galveston, at the Hotel Galveston on Monday and Tuesday, June 25-26, according to announcement just made by Col. John L. Foster, of Austin, president of the association. There are over 1000 bona fide social clubs in Texas members of this organization, consequently it is expected there will be a large attendance.

President Foster declares that matters of importance to the welfare of the clubs will come up for consideration at this meeting, consequently it is urged that each club send a large delegation as possible to this convention.

### CORPUS CHRISTI ELECTION LEADS TO 42 INDICTMENTS

Corpus Christi, Tex., June 5.—Forty-two persons, including United States commissioner T. B. Southgate, officials of Nueces county and the local chief of police, were indicted here today by the federal grand jury on charges of conspiring to corrupt an election. The grand jury has been investigating the elections held here last November.

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## BRITANNISTS AMERICAN MEN

Investigation Into Alleged Recruiting Activities Is Instituted.

Boston, Mass., June 5.—Great Britain's recruiting officers have been enlisting American youths for war service, according to information received by United States authorities. Federal officials are beginning an investigation.

According to a cablegram from the United States consul general at London, which was included in a message sent by secretary of state Bryan to congressmen Peter F. Tague of this city, at least 15 youths have been enlisted in violation of an agreement with the British board of trade regarding the United States shipping laws.

**Inducements Offered.** Secret service agents are cooperating with United States district attorney Anderson and his staff on orders from Washington to learn what inducements if any have been offered American youths to ship on British vessels as caretakers for horses and cattle. In the case of the 15 who left this port on the Leyland liner Cambrian, all 15, the consul general found that all had signed preliminary enlistment papers before his agent could board the steamer on its arrival in London. His cablegram to secretary Bryan, sent in connection with inquiries for Patrick Deney, a boy of 15 years, said:

**Recruiting Sergeant Enlists Youth.** "On the arrival of the steamer Cambrian, a recruiting sergeant was given opportunity to go aboard and enlist Deney and four others, thus frustrating arrangements previously made for his return."

The consul general added that he was asking the British war department "for Deney's immediate discharge, as contrary to the agreement with the board of trade." The consul general declared that the United States shipping laws, which provide for the return of horses and cattle to ports of departure.

Since the outbreak of the war several hundred young men have shipped out of this port on the steamers used as horse transports by the remount division of the British army. Few have returned, according to the information gathered by the federal officers.

### GERMANY IS APPREHENSIVE CONCERNING THREE NATIONS

Rotterdam, Holland, June 5.—Messages from Berlin state the government has given out warning not to attach undue importance to the capture of Przemyśl. The German declaration is otherwise satisfactory achievement is overshadowed by the threatening situation created by the attitude of the United States, Roumania and Bulgaria. Private advices are pessimistic, and a rupture with the three countries is feared.

### HUNGARY IS TO HAVE A COALITION GOVERNMENT

London, Eng., June 5.—The Exchange Telegraph company has published a dispatch from Vienna, received by the agency, saying it is now practically certain that a coalition government is to be formed in Hungary. Some of the ministers of the opposition will be given leading positions.

### GERMAN EMPEROR VISITS AUSTRIAN

Berlin, Germany, June 5.—Emperor William arrived at the headquarters of field archduke Frederick, the Austrian commander-in-chief, Friday morning, to take part in the celebration of the archduke's birthday. The emperor is holding audiences with leaders of the opposition party of Hungary, including count Julius Andrássy, count Albert Apponyi and count Aladar Zichy. The conferences are considered of great importance in relation to political developments in Hungary. The formation of a coalition ministry, with the three counts named and count Stephan Tisza, the present Hungarian premier, at its head has been considered.

### SEVERAL KILLED IN ATTACK ON GERMAN CROWN PRINCE

London, Eng., June 5.—Several men were killed by bombs which fell on the headquarters of the German crown prince, according to a Reuters agency dispatch from Berlin. The attack was made by 22 aeroplanes June 3. The airmen are said to have dropped 178 bombs and several thousand darts.

### TEXAN, BRITISH OFFICER, IS WOUNDED IN BATTLE

Ottawa, Ont., June 5.—The latest Canadian casualty list of those killed and wounded in battle on the western front contains the name of Lieut. Arthur George Scott of Texas, who was wounded. His Arthur Crandall of Golden Valley, N. D., was also wounded.

### POLA DOCKS DESTROYED

Geneva, Switzerland, June 5.—Reports received here from Pola, the Austrian naval base, confirm previous advices that the docks and warship stores that were set on fire by an Italian attack, were destroyed.

### The War At a Glance

**GERMAN AIRSHIPS AGAIN CROSSED THE NORTH SEA** Friday night and dropped bombs on the east and southeast coasts of England. While the censor has permitted no details to be cabled, it is reported from London that little damage was done, and apparently the casualties were not numerous.

**Five more British vessels** have been sunk by German submarines. No loss of life was reported. The crews on two trawlers were permitted to embark on a third, which was spared by the Germans.

**New German Assault Planned.** Preparations for a new German assault on the western front are being hurried in London. It is believed in London that following the fall of Przemyśl, the Germans may undertake a serious offensive move in France or Belgium. Along the western end of the line north of Arras, reinforcements have been brought up by the Germans and the allies have been driven from some positions gained in the recent fighting.

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## MAJOR CHANGES MADE IN NOTE

President Makes Alterations and Prepares to Send It to Germany.

Washington, D. C., June 5.—President Wilson was today putting the finishing touches on his latest note to Germany concerning the sinking of the Lusitania. It already had been approved in principle by the cabinet. All that was needed today to start the communication on its way to Berlin was the making of minor changes in phraseology. This was the task before the president.

The president was expected to complete the work of revision during the day. The note will then be sent to the state department for transmission by cable probably tonight or tomorrow to ambassador Gerard at Berlin who will in turn, present it to the German foreign office.

**Note Brief and Emphatic.** Previous reports that the note will be brief but emphatic are borne out, it is said, by the text as it now stands. The general impression in executive quarters was that it was phrased in such a way as to admit only of an affirmative or negative answer to the query of the United States as to Germany's intention to exercise the right of visit and search when encountering unarmed merchantmen on the high seas.

Secretary of state Bryan would only say that when the note actually goes forward to Berlin, the fact will be made public. When the note itself would be published he said he did not know.

**Would Pay for Guilt.** As to the sinking of the American steamship Guilt, concerning which Germany has both expressed regret and a willingness to pay indemnity, a personal of the full text of Germany's note, sent Friday, shows a stinging concealed in the courteous phraseology. The Guilt was conveyed by two British patrol boats, one at each side, at regulation distances, so as to suggest to the German submarine commander that the merchant vessel thus guarded was of considerable value to the British government. It also states that the American flag was not noted until the moment of firing the torpedo.

### CHURCHILL HAS NO GRUDGE; JUST WANTS BRITAIN TO WIN

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he represents in the house of commons. He was received enthusiastically at a meeting of his constituents. He told them he did not come to make reproaches. The only thing he cared about was the waging of a successful war on the enemies of Great Britain.

### AUSTRO-GERMANS CAPTURE LAST FORTS AT PRZEMYSL

Berlin, Germany, June 5.—Reports from the Galician front indicate that the Austro-German troops are now in complete possession of all parts of Przemyśl. The Russians contested stubbornly each advance, but at length were driven from the eastern and southwestern forts, which were the last to fall.

Large stocks of provisions were recovered and considerable amounts of war material were captured.

### GERMAN FOOD SUPPLY PROBLEM IS NOW SOLVED

Amsterdam, Holland, June 5.—A telegram from Berlin states that Clemens von Breda, German minister of the interior, has informed the Prussian diet that the food problem may be regarded as solved, and that there may even be carried over considerable reserves into the coming harvest year.

An inventory of the supplies of flour showed a surplus of 6,452,273 double hundredweights. Potato conditions as of May 15 were similarly favorable, the supply being on a level with that of normal times.

### GERMANY HAS NO REPORT ON TORPEDOING NEBRASKAN

Berlin, Germany, June 5.—United States ambassador Gerard, on calling at the foreign office Friday for information regarding the torpedoing of the American steamship Nebraska recently, was informed the German government has received no report of the incident.

### ANOTHER SPY CONFESSES

London, Eng., June 5.—Official announcement was made here this afternoon that a German spy, named Robert Koenigthal, had been arrested and had made a confession.

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### BELTRAN ADMITS SHOOTING POMPO REY AT A DANCE

The case of Jose Antonio Beltran and Espritidon Belt, charged with the murder of Pompono Rey in August of last year, will go to the jury late this afternoon. The taking of testimony was completed Saturday morning and arguments were begun before the noon hour.

Rey was shot in the back during a dance at the Beltran ranch near Fabens, and died nine days later at a local hospital. Jose Beltran, on the stand admitted that he shot Rey, but did so because he thought his brother, Espritidon, who was warring with Rey, was in danger of his life.

District attorney W. W. Bridges opened the argument for the state. He was followed at 2 p. m. by mayor Tom Lea, counsel for the defense. E. E. Thompson finished for the defense, and Judge T. E. Falvey, special counsel for the state, concluded for the prosecution.

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